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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN CONCERN RE SOVIET EFFORTS TO TAKE OVER AFRICA

1. AT A DINNER ON 12 FEBRUARY HOSTED BY A COLLEAGUE, EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR TO KENYA, MR. OLAMA, SOUGHT ME OUT TO TELL ME HIS FOREIGN MINISTER HAD SUGGESTED HE SOUND ME OUT ON WHAT US PLANS ARE FOR AFRICA. OLAMA SAID THAT IT APPEARED WE HAD NO POLICY TO STOP THE SOVIETS FROM TAKING OVER AFRICA. THE US, HE STRESSED, WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO COULD DO ANYTHING, AS WE HAD THE RESOURCES. EGYPT HAS TOLD THE GOK THAT THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO PROVIDE TECHNICIANS AND TO HELP KENYA GAIN SUPPORT OF OTHER ARABS, BUT COULD NOT, OF COURSE, PROVIDE THE MONEY AND ARMS THAT ARE NECESSARY FOR KENYA TO EQUALIZE ITS DEFENSE AGAINST SOMALIA. OLAMA ADDED THAT HE DID NOT FEEL KENYA WOULD BE SOMALIA'S

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FIRST TARGET, WHICH WOULD BE TFAL, THEN ETHIOPIA.

VULNERABLE KENYA WAS NO THREAT AND COULD WAIT FOR THE
TAKING, LATER. IF KENYA FELL, ALL OF EASTERN AFRICA
WOULD BE "LOST" TO THE SOVIETS. NOW WAS THE TIME
FOR US ACTION.

2. I REPLIED THAT I APPRECIATED HIS AND HIS GOVERN-
MENT'S CONCERN, AND WAS PARTICULARLY PLEASED HE HAD
EXPRESSED IT TO ME. THE UNITED STATES, I EXPLAINED,
WOULD LIKE TO HELP KENYA. HOWEVER, WE ARE UNDER
RESTRAINTS BY CONGRESS. WE ARE CURRENTLY PURSUING
THE MATTER. IT IS IMPORTANT, I STRESSED, THAT WE
TALK AND WORK WITH OTHER COUNTRIES WITH THE SAME
INTERESTS AND OBJECTIVES IN MAINTAINING PEACE AND
STABILITY IN THE HORN. FOR THIS REASON, I PARTICULARLY
APPRECIATED HIS VIEWS.
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